

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A method for re-formatting computer files, comprising the steps:

inputting a data file into a computer having a specified operating system;

using said computer to determine if the data file is compatible with the specified operating system;

if the data file is not compatible with the computer, transmitting the data file over the Internet from said computer to a universal server; and

the universal server, transforming the data file into a format compatible with the specified operating system of the computer, and sending the transformed data file back to the computer.

Claim 2 (Original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the transforming step includes the steps of, the universal server identifying the type of file, and transforming the file into a different format of the same type.

Claim 3 (Original): A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

a user of the computer identifying user requirements; and

transmitting the user requirements to the universal server; and wherein

the transforming step includes the step of re-formatting the file in accordance with the user requirements.

Claim 4 (Original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when data needs to be converted, the data are sent to a universal conversion server; the universal conversion server checks user requirements; if the universal conversion server finds that the service cannot convert a certain file, the service looks in a computer description; the computer description can be located on the computer or on a universal conversion server database.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein, ~~when a computer's operating system is not compatible with a program, the program is sent to a Universal Driver where the program is to be formatted; when being formatted, the data file is a computer program, and the transforming step includes the step of the universal server looking over the program is~~ looked over to identify components of the program including links to the program source code, the program's executable code, the program's file name; entering data to a database of source codes, where many source codes are held; and if the same name exists among more than one program in the database, the Universal Server reads the information from a description module.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A universal program conversion method, comprising the steps:

entering data into a computer;

said computer having a specified operating system and checking to determine whether the format of the data is compatible with ~~an~~ the specified operating system(OS) in the computer;

if the format is not compatible, sending the data from the computer over a network to a remote Universal Driver;

on the Universal Driver, reformatting the data into a format compatible to the specified OS;

after the reformatting step, sending the data to a universal formatting server, to be converted to a format suitable for the user;

if it is determined that the data are compatible with the operating system, then checking to determine whether it is necessary to reformat the data;

if the data do not need to be reformatted, processing the data as the user requests; and otherwise, sending the data to the universal server; and this server checking whether the data are executables;

if the data are executables, then checking the Universal Driver to determine whether the data can be formatted on the Universal Driver; if the data can be so formatted, then formatting the data at the Universal Driver; and then sending the formatted data to the user; if the data can not be formatted at the Universal Driver, then checking to determine if the source code exists on a storage of source code; if the source code exists, the Universal Driver then recompiling the data in a new OS, and the Universal Driver then sending the data to the user; checking for instructions to format data; after the checking step, formatting the data are formatted according to the instructions, and then sending the data to the user.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A system for re-formatting computer files, comprising:

a computer having input means for receiving a data file;

said computer including a specified operating system and means for determining if the data file is compatible with the specified operating system of the computer;

a universal server for reformatting data; and

means for transmitting the data file over the Internet from said computer to the universal server, if the data file is not compatible with the specified operating system of the computer; and

wherein the universal server includes means for transforming the data file into a format compatible with the specified operating system of the computer, and means for sending the transformed data file back to the computer.

Claim 9 (Original): A system according to Claim 8, wherein the transforming means includes means for identifying the type of file, and for transforming the file into a different format of the same type.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A system according to Claim 8, wherein a user of the computer ~~identifying~~ identifies user requirements; and the system further comprises:

means for transmitting the user requirements to the universal server; and wherein

the transforming means includes means for re-formatting the file in accordance with the user requirements.

Claim 11 (Original): A system according to Claim 8, wherein, when data needs to be converted, the data are sent to a universal conversion server; the universal conversion server checks user requirements; if the universal conversion server finds that the service cannot convert a certain file, the service looks in a computer description; the computer description can be located on the computer or on a universal conversion server database.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for re-formatting computer files, the method steps comprising:

inputting a data file into a computer having a specified operating system;

using said computer to determine if the data file is compatible with the specified operating system of the computer;

if the data file is not compatible with the computer, transmitting the data file over the Internet from the computer to a universal server; and

the universal server, transforming the data file into a format compatible with the specified operating system of the computer, and sending the transformed data file back to the computer.

Claim 13 (Original): A program storage device according to Claim 12, wherein the transforming step includes the steps of, the universal server identifying the type of file, and transforming the file into a different format of the same type.

Claim 14 (Original): A program storage device according to Claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

a user of the computer identifying user requirements; and

transmitting the user requirements to the universal server; and wherein

the transforming step includes the step of re-formatting the file in accordance with the user requirements.

Claim 15 (Original): A program storage device according to Claim 12, wherein, when data needs to be converted, the data are sent to a universal conversion server; the universal conversion server checks user requirements; if the universal conversion server finds that the service cannot convert a certain file, the service looks in a computer description; the computer description can be located on the computer or on a universal conversion server database.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A program storage device according to Claim 12, wherein, ~~when a computer's operating system is not compatible with a program, the program is sent to a Universal Driver where the program is to be formatted; when being formatted, the data file is a computer program, and the transforming step includes the step of the universal server looking~~ over the program is looked over to identify components of the program including links to the program source code, the program's executable code, the program's file name; entering data to a database of source codes, where many source codes are held; and if the same name exists among more than one program, then the Universal Server reads the information from the description module.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the Universal Server with access to a module having a series of source codes, and wherein the step of formatting the data file into a format compatible with the operating system of the computer modules includes the steps of:

the Universal Server obtaining from said module the source code for the data file; and

the Universal Server recompiling the data file, using the source code obtained from said module, into the format compatible with the operating system of the computer.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 17, wherein the step of the Universal Server recompiling the data file includes the steps of, the Universal Server

using the source code obtained from said module to modify the source code of the data file; and

using a compiler to compile a new data file, compatible with computer, from the modified source code of the data file.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 18, further comprising the step of the Universal Server reading from the computer the type of operating system on the computer.